



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
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**Date:** 2/19/2020    **VisitType:** Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study    **Arrival:** 11:00 AM    **Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-15192**

**Sonshine Learning Center**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<u>Compliance Zone Designation</u>			<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.  <b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. <b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. <b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
02/19/2020	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	
02/19/2020	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
11/26/2019	POI Follow Up	Good Standing	

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	101	Infants	1	4	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	102		0	0	C	11	C	NA	NA	
Main	103	Infants and One Year Olds	1	5	C	7	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	104	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	7	C	8	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	105	Three Year Olds	1	9	C	15	C	NA	NA	Nap
Main	106	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds	1	9	C	19	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	107	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	16	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Nap
			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 49			Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 83			Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Center, Preschool	56	C
Main	Infant, left	11	C
Main	Right, Toddler	23	C

**Comments**

This is the second visit of the fiscal year.

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.al.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

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#### Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), e-mail the following information to [CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:CCSRefutations@dec.al.ga.gov).

- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
- 2) Your name, title/relationship to the facility, e-mail address & up to two phone number(s) where you can be reached
- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

A sample form for submitting a refutation can be found at: <http://dec.al.ga.gov/ChildCareServices/RefutationInformation.aspx>

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

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Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



#### Important New Deadlines:

Your program must be Quality Rated by December 31, 2020 in order to continue to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS).

Get started today! Sign up by completing a short online application: <https://qualityrated.dec.al.ga.gov/>  
Request free technical assistance to help you earn your star rating by contacting the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov)

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### Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study Visit:

### Activities and Equipment

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

### Children's Records

**Records Reviewed: 5**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Child # 1	Met
Child # 2	Met
Child # 3	Met
Child # 4	Met
Child # 5	Met

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

### Facility

<b>591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be met on this date.

<b>591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center appears clean and well maintained.

<b>591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)</b>	<b>Not Met</b>
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**Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed with Director that the fence in the back right near the swings and the left side is starting to break on the bottom due to the rain. Director stated that the fence boards would be replaced as needed.

**Correction Deadline: 2/19/2020**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.26(6) requires that playground equipment provide an opportunity for the children to engage in a variety of experiences and shall be age-appropriate. For example, toddlers shall not be permitted to swing in swings designed for School-age Children. The outdoor equipment shall be free of lead-based paint, sharp corners and shall be regularly maintained in such a way as to be free of rust and splinters that could pose significant safety hazard to the children. All equipment shall be arranged so as not to obstruct supervision of children. It was determined on observation that two pedals on the bicycle-go-round were missing on this date.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

Center Director stated that they would replace the pedals and not allow children to play on the equipment until they are replaced.

**Correction Deadline: 2/29/2020**

<b>Food Service</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.15 Food Service &amp; Nutrition</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

<b>591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

<b>Health and Hygiene</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas &amp; Practices(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff state proper knowledge of diapering procedures.

<b>591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

<b>591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

The Provider currently does not dispense/administer medication.

<b>Safety</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.05 Animals</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

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<b>591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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<b>591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

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<b>591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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**Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation.

<b>Sleeping &amp; Resting Equipment</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

<b>Staff Records</b>
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<b>Records Reviewed: 5</b>
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<b>Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 1</b>
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Staff # 1	Met
Date of Hire: 01/06/2020	
Staff # 2	Met
Date of Hire: 07/01/2003	
Staff # 3	Not Met
Date of Hire: 09/25/2019	
<u>"Missing/Incomplete Components"</u>	
.14(2)-CPR missing,.14(2)-First Aid Missing	
Staff # 4	Met
Staff # 5	Met

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<b>Staff Credentials Reviewed: 2</b>
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<b>591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)</b>	<b>Met</b>
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**Comment**

Director provided four file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

**Finding**

591-1-1-.14(2) requires a Staff member who is trained in CPR and first aid to be on the premises and on any field trip whenever any child is present. In addition, Staff who provide direct care to children must satisfactorily obtain certification in first aid and CPR by December 29, 2016 if employed prior to September 30, 2016 and within 90 days of their hire date if employed after September 30, 2016. It was determined based on a review of records that staff member #5 and #11 did not complete the CPR and first aid training within the first 90 days of employment.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will develop a schedule to ensure there is always a staff person with current first aid and CPR training present and will develop and implement a plan to ensure all staff members have satisfactorily completed first aid and CPR training by the specified date.

**Correction Deadline: 3/20/2020**

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**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months.

<b>Staffing and Supervision</b>
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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.